

PROBE CLEARS MARINE CORPS

Charges of Indiscriminate Killings in Haiti Found Unwarranted by Board.

"After a careful study based upon original information and observation in Haiti the court regards the charges (made by Brigadier General Barnett that American marines were guilty of practically indiscriminate killings of natives) as an ill-considered, regrettable, and thoroughly unwarranted reflection on the United States Marine Corps, which has performed difficult, dangerous, and delicate duty in a manner entitled to the highest commendation."

REPORT MADE PUBLIC.

The report made by the naval court of inquiry investigating conditions in Haiti has been made public by Secretary Daniels.

Although the charges made by General Barnett are denounced by the board as untrue, no recommendations to further discipline him are made and it is understood that the entire matter will be dropped. After an exhaustive investigation the court finds that during five years only two unjustifiable homicides and sixteen other acts of violence were committed by marines. All were isolated cases and in each instance the guilty marine was court-martialed and sentenced.

HAITI WELCOMES MEN.

"The general conduct of our troops of occupation can be fairly judged by the results of that occupation," says the court.

"Now for the first time in more than a hundred years tranquility and security of life and property may be said to prevail in Haiti."

"The Haitian people themselves welcomed the coming of our men and are unwilling to have them depart."

"The establishment and maintenance of tranquil conditions and then of security of life and property all over the republic of Haiti has been an arduous and dangerous and thankless task. That task our marines have performed with fidelity and great gallantry."

OFFICERS COMMENDED.

"The outstanding characteristics of officers, from the brigade commander down, has been their sympathetic attitude toward every step that would lead to a betterment of the country and to improvement in the physical, mental and moral conditions of the population."

"With slender resources and inadequate administrative authority, they have accomplished much, where anything more than suppression of organized insurrection seemed impossible."

"The above remarks apply with particular force to those officers and enlisted men of the marine corps who have been serving the officers of the gendarmerie of Haiti."

COURT SENDS AN "AD" INSTEAD OF POLICE

CAVRE, Pa., Dec. 19.—Elderly Judge recently said to Justice Bonfroy, "Judge, don't ever send a cop after me if you want me pinched. I won't run away. Just send me word or put it in the paper. I'll show up right away."

Last night a can of oysters stolen from a restaurant was found in Elderly's home. He was away when the justice sent word he was wanted, so the justice notified him today through a local paper to lay aside whatever he was doing and report. Elderly is "visiting somewhere," his wife says, and the court is waiting.

DUFFERS

Some Doff the Old Kelly in the Elevator—Others Are Bald.

BRAVEST OF BRAVE

Keep Covers on Domes When Case Is Full of "Twists and Twirls."

For men only! And now that the women's curiosity is thoroughly aroused we can proceed.

This isn't going to be an elevator yarn, despite its subject.

It's one of those unpleasant essentials, like umbrellas and heavy underwear.

Are you one of those fortunate males who can saunter into an elevator full of women, with the old derby firmly ensconced on top of your thick tank and never feel so much as a quiver of conscience?

Or are you one of the less lucky kind who refuse to surrender to convention and yet feel acutely uncomfortable inside because of your dereliction?

Or still again, are you the kind that doffs the derby if the girl is pretty enough?

Or do you take off your hat if anything with skirts gets into the car and stand shivering while the icy winds chase across your new-combed hair?

Or again, do you doff the headgear for a woman operator? Or do you refuse to do this but take it off when a woman passenger gets in? And if this woman passenger is one of those chic Western Union messengers how about that? Do you or don't you?

Do you refuse to take off the old lid in the morning when the elevator shaft is chilly, but descend to uncover when it warms up a bit?

And will the International Reform Bureau take up the question and try to slip something over on dear old Congress?

It's a knotty question, brothers. The president of a prominent club says it is nothing short of criminal to compel a man with a thinning thatch to uncover in a chilly elevator on a cold morning because some flapper wants to go up a floor.

But again, isn't it a sublime and heartrending spectacle when an elevator full of bank directors or other important looking chaps raise their hats as one man because some little whisp of a female climbs aboard?

And still again—But, gee, who gives a darn?

TURKS TAKE DUTY ON RELIEF IMPORTS

First Government in History to Make Gift Supplies Subject to Tax.

Turkish authorities at Trebizond have claimed customs duties for the supplies sent into the interior by the Near East Relief, according to advices received by the State Department today. Officials said it was the first instance known where customs duties had been exacted on relief supplies.

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GERMAN DIPLOMAT SNUBBED AT DINNER

Ambassador Wallace of U. S. Resents Seating Wife Beside Him at Official Banquet.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—Tactless seating arrangements at an official banquet on Wednesday evening by which Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace, wife of the American ambassador, was placed beside the German ambassador, Herr Meyer, is responsible for an "incident" between Mr. Wallace and Herr Meyer, according to a statement made today by officials of the German embassy.

Herr Meyer was asked for his version of the affair, and the German ambassador said:

"When I arrived at the banquet, finding my seat next to Mrs. Wallace and not knowing her, I naturally requested M. Andre Fouquieres, the official master of ceremonies, to present me to Ambassador Wallace so he could introduce me to my support partner."

"Ambassador Wallace replied to M. Fouquieres in a loud voice, 'I don't know the German ambassador and I don't want to.' I thereupon chose another seat."

"My request was governed by the most simple social courtesy and I had not the remotest intention of bringing up any political matters, such as the attitude of the United States toward Germany."

At the American embassy it was stated that Mr. Wallace declined to meet Herr Meyer because America is still at war with Germany.

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POETESS

Capital Woman Summons Sweet Muse to Aid Her in Plight.

ODE TO AN ENGINEER

Asks, in Verse, for Lamp-post—What Is More—Gets It.

One poetically inclined Washington woman knows how to approach the District officials when she wants improvements on her street.

Several days ago, Warren B. Hadley, electrical engineer, received a request for a lamp-post on the corner of Leblanc place and Quarry road northwest. Enclosed in the letter was a poem, its apparent purpose to describe conditions.

The poem follows:

Two witches met on Hallowe'en, On mischief bent were they, Quoth one: "What what shall we do tonight?"

"To cheer us in our play?" With horrid grin, the hag replied: "To quarry road we'll go!"

"The steps are dark and dismal, The way cannot be seen, They'll go to depths abyssal—Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha, ho!"

The Commissioners have ordered the lamp post erected.

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CARRIERS' ATTITUDE CAUSES R. R. CRISIS

Oppose Grievance Boards—Seek To Disrupt Unions, Say Workers' Officials.

Refusal of the railroad companies to agree to the creation of national bi-partisan adjustment boards to settle grievances of the workers has caused a crisis on the railroads as serious as the wage controversy, according to railroad union officials meeting here.

The executives of the sixteen associated railroad labor organizations are in session to formulate a plan of action to secure these adjustment boards as soon as possible. The Director General of the Railroad Administration, John Barton Payne, has issued an order dissolving the three boards inaugurated by the Government to adjust all grievances between the railroads and the employees. One board is to be abolished February 15, and the other two January 10.

According to the railroad union officials, when the boards have been dissolved, nearly 1,800 cases will be left unadjusted and no machinery ready to take them up. The railroad union officials charged today that the action of the director general in dissolving the boards reflects "the hostility of the railroad executives to national boards, as voiced in public statements made by Vice President W. W. Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania Railroad."

"They declare the carriers are trying to scrap 'adjustment machinery' to disrupt the unions. The three boards about to be dissolved were composed of representatives of the railroads and the unions."

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SENATE VACATION KNOCKED IN HEAD

Lodge's Idea of Two Weeks for Christmas Meets Storm of Protest on All Sides.

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